

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Winter 2013-14

Registration Information



Program Registration Opens:
for December, January & February on
November 14

Youth programs are **free**. Certain adult programs may have a materials fee.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

There are 2 ways to pre-register for classes at The Outdoor Campus-West:

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
Click "Rapid City".
2. If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class.

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds and their adult partner

The goal of the Sprouts program is to introduce young children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.



Evergreens in Winter

Evergreen trees offer a sensory overload. Children will touch, smell, hear and see three of the local evergreens. Dress to go outside for a portion of the class.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Dec 4 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Dec 7 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Tracks

Children will explore animal tracks by rubber stamping a field guide of their own. Dress warm to go outside to try to find tracks animals have left behind on the trail.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Dec 18 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Dec 21 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Leaf Painting

Come and let your little one paint leaves with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday Dec 16 10-10:45 a.m.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Cont...

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Oh, Deer!

Learn about the 3 members of the deer family found in the Black Hills. Hunt on the inside trail to find them, and the outside trail to find tracks and signs that they have been here.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 4 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jan 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Animal Movement

Come and let your little one learn how to move like various animals with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday Jan 13 10-10:45 a.m.

“C” is for Cougar

Learn what makes cougars special, what they like to eat, and where they like to live. Learn a song to help you remember what to do if you see one!

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 18 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jan 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Valentine Nature Craft

Come and let your little one make a special valentine craft with our volunteer, Kazumi

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday Feb 10 10-10:45 a.m.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Cont...

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Let's Go Hunting!

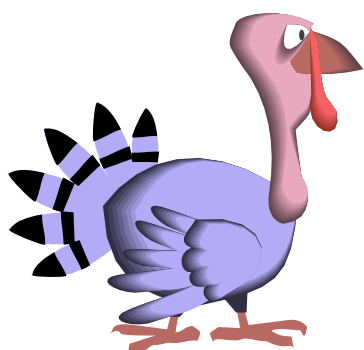
Join us on a "hunt" for turkeys and deer. Take a hike outside on the trail to find tracks and sign. Use the Nerf guns and bows to shoot at the deer and turkey targets. Dress warm!

Age: age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday Feb 5 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday Feb 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



And for the younger ones...

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library. We will read stories each month about animals, nature, children in the outdoors and lots more.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

Class dates:

Monday Dec 16 9-9:30 a.m. Evergreens

Monday Jan 13 9-9:30 a.m. Winter

Monday Feb 10 9-9:30 a.m. Birds



Young Naturalist Programs

Age: 5-7 year olds. Adults are encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.

The goal of the Young Naturalist program is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.



Track Detectives

Children will learn how to hunt for and identify tracks from SD wildlife. They will make a field guide to use on the trail and to take home with them. Dress warm so we can explore tracks on the Campus trails.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Dec 7 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Evergreens in Winter

Evergreen trees offer a sensory overload. Children will touch, smell, and see three of the local evergreens. Learn about the animals that use these trees for food and homes. Dress to go outside for a portion of the class.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Dec 21 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

“C” is for Cougar

Learn what makes cougars special, what they like to eat, and where they like to live. Learn a song to help you remember what to do if you see one!

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 4 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Young Naturalist Programs

Continued... Age: 5-7 year olds

Oh, Deer!

Learn about the 3 members of the deer family found in the Black Hills. Hunt on the inside trail to find them, and the outside trail to find tracks and signs that they have been here. Dress warm!

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 18 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

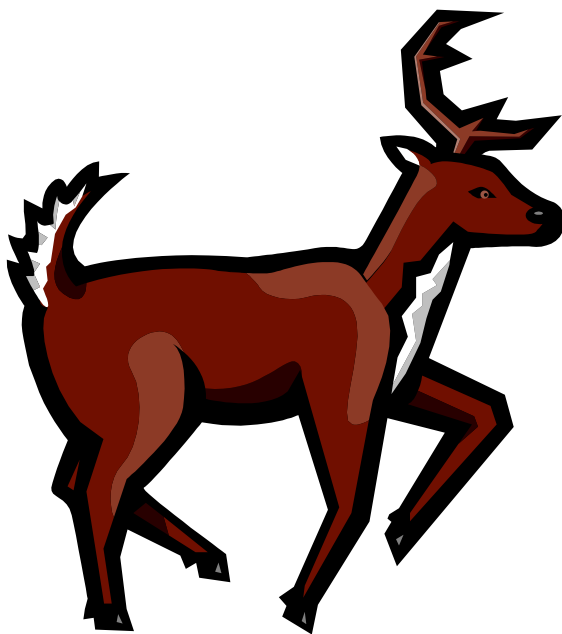
Animal Teeth

Children will explore animal teeth by looking at animal skulls. We will learn about animals that eat other animals and plants, and compare their teeth to ours.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



We are always adding new and fun classes that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up classes!

Jr. Naturalist Programs

Age: 8-12 year olds

The goal of the Junior Naturalist program is to teach students about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities. Trained staff will teach fishing and hunting skills and ethics, and nature programs, first in the classroom and then students will practice them outside.



Winter Animal Detective

Gather clues to figure out what happened and who is guilty in the Outdoor Campus Mystery. We will spend some class time indoors discussing how to gather clues. Dress warm so you can go outside and investigate.

Age: 8-12 years

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday	Dec 7	1:30-3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec 21	1:30-3:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-10 years in a.m., 10-12 years in p.m.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following dates and times)

Saturday	Dec 14 or Dec 28	10-11:30 am. <u>OR</u> 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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BB Gun Basics

Learn basic gun and hunting safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8–10 year olds in a.m. and 10-12 years in p.m.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following dates and times)

Saturday	Jan 11 or Jan 25	10-11:00 a.m.
		11-12:00 p.m.
		1-2:00 p.m.
		2-3:00 p.m.

Jr. Naturalist Programs cont...

Age (8-12 year olds)

Radical Raptors

Learn what special adaptations make a bird a raptor, and how to identify common SD raptors through fun, hands-on activities.

Age: 8-12 years

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Jan 4 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Saturday Jan 18 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tracks and Signs

Join the naturalist exploring animal tracks and signs to learn about wildlife identification. Learn how to use these new skills to help you when hunting different SD species.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday Feb 1 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Snowshoe Hike

Hike the trails in our snowshoes (if there is snow!) Six steps and you will be an expert. Snowshoes will be provided. If there is not enough snow, we will go on a nature hike with journals instead!

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday Feb 8 1-3:00 p.m.

Hatchet Book Club

Winner of the 1988 Newbery Honor, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson, is about a boy stranded alone in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash. In this 6 week course, we will read and discuss the book and practice survival skills, plant id, animal tracking, and hunting skills. This 6 week course will meet each week at 4 p.m. There is a one-time sign up, so hurry to get your spot! Books will be provided. **Dress warmly because we will be outside every week.**

Age: 8-12 years

Class dates:

Thursdays Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Feb 6 4-5:30 p.m.

Family Programs

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed



Nature Hike

Take an evening hike guided by Campus naturalists to experience the sight, sounds and smells of winter. Dress for the weather.

Age: all ages, minors must attend with an adult

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Friday	Dec 27	6-7:00 p.m.
Friday	Jan 17	6-7:00 p.m.
Friday	Feb 28	6-7:00 p.m.

Nature Wrapping Paper Program

Make some beautiful wrapping paper using natural materials and nature stamps. Paper and materials provided. This will be an open house program, so drop in anytime during the posted hours.

Age: ages 4 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday	Dec 14	10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursday	Dec 19	6 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ice Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing “jiggle stick” to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing.

Age: 5 and up, minors must attend with an adult

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Friday	Dec 27	1-3:00 p.m. OR 6-8:00 p.m.
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Winter at Night

Bundle up, bring your sled and take a winter evening hike. Then, gather around the fire for music, hot chocolate and treats. Snowshoes will be available for you to try out, if there is snow.

Age: All ages, minors must attend with an adult.

Class date:

Tuesday	Feb 11	6-7:30 p.m.
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Family Programs cont...

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed

Introduction to Handguns

Safe handling, use and storage of handguns will be the focus of this class. Learn how to safely handle and shoot handguns for hunting and recreation. Class will be taught by Lt. Chris Misselt, a certified firearms instructor and range safety officer for various police and citizen programs.

Age: 14 years and up; 14-17 year olds **MUST** be accompanied by parent or guardian

Class date:

Thursday Dec 12 6-9:00 p.m.

Intermediate BB Gun Shooting

If you have taken our BB Gun Basics class within the last year and would like to improve your skills, register for this class. Practice shooting skills and developing the muscle memory needed to be successful. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child age 8 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday Dec 12 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Jan 16 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Feb 20 6-7:30 p.m.

Intermediate Archery Shooting

If you have taken our Archery Basics class within the last year and would like to improve your skills, register for this class. Practice shooting skills and developing the muscle memory needed to be successful. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child age 8 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday Dec 3 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Jan 7 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Feb 25 6-7:30 p.m.

NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

Adult Programs

Age: ages 18 and up. Please, **do not** bring children under 18 to these classes.



Cooking Waterfowl

Learn field care, processing, storage and preparation from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday Dec 17 6-8:00 p.m.

Cooking Bear and Rabbit

Learn field care, processing, storage and preparation from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday Jan 14 6-8:00 p.m.

Cooking Wild Game

Learn how to use the various burger and stew meat in your freezer to make soup, appetizers, and other yummy recipes. Chef Jeff Olson will be sharing some favorites. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday Feb 4 6-8:00 p.m.

Women's Introduction to Handguns

Safe handling, use and storage of handguns will be the focus of this class. Learn how to safely handle and shoot handguns for hunting and recreation. Class will be taught by Lt. Chris Misselt, a certified firearms instructor and range safety officer for various police and citizen programs.

Age: 18 and up

Class date:

Thursday Jan 9 6-9:00 p.m.

Adult Programs cont...

Age: ages 18 and up. Please do not bring children under 18 to these classes.

Cartridge Reloading

Learn the basics of pistol or rifle cartridge reloading. Topics covered will include reloading safety, gear to get you started, the reloading process and how to read and use reloading manuals. All equipment will be provided. No live ammunition will be produced during the class.

Age: 16 years and up

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday Jan 16 6-8:00 p.m. (Pistols)

Thursday Feb 13 6-8:00 p.m. (Rifles)

Lure Carving

Learn different techniques used to carve usable wooden fishing lures. Master Carver Mike Martin, will help you carve, paint and add hardware to your own lure that is guaranteed to catch fish! All of the materials will be provided.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Thursday Jan 23 6-8:30 p.m.

Advanced Photography

This class will include detailed discussion of shutter speed, aperture and ISO and the advantages and disadvantages of each in terms of image quality. Discussion will also cover lens & camera options for various types of photography, i.e. landscape, nature and macro. Bring your camera and manual and specific questions that you would like answered. Volunteer Ted Ayers will help you make the most of your photo opportunities.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Wednesday Dec 4 6-8:00 p.m.

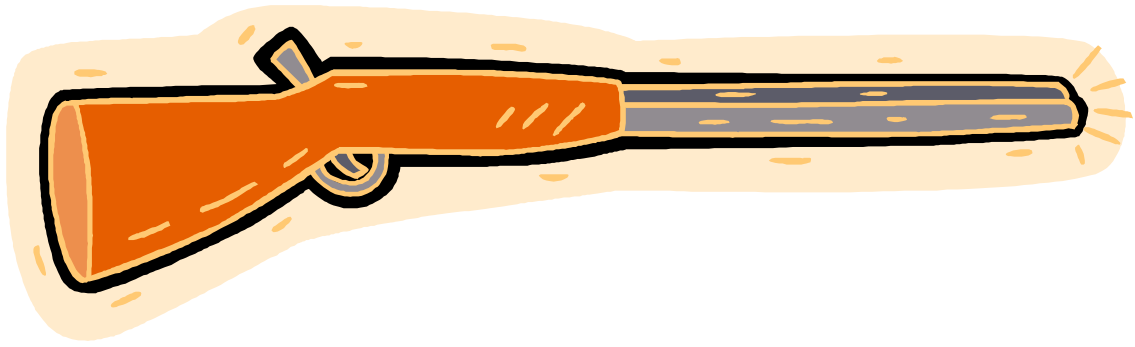
Introduction to Flint Knapping

Learn how those ordinary-looking rocks were transformed into the necessities of life long ago. Make arrowheads with experienced flint knapper, Hank Bak, a TOC-West Volunteer. Materials and tools will be provided.

Age: Adult

Class date:

Saturday Jan 18 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Online HuntSafe Field Day

This 4 hour field day class is for those who have completed the IHEA online HuntSAFE course. Those enrolled must bring a printed copy of their completed online course. Students must have the last 4 digits of their SSN and date of birth to obtain their Hunter Safety card after successfully completing the field day at The Outdoor Campus-West in Rapid City.

Age: 12 years to adult

Class date:

Saturday Dec 14 8:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

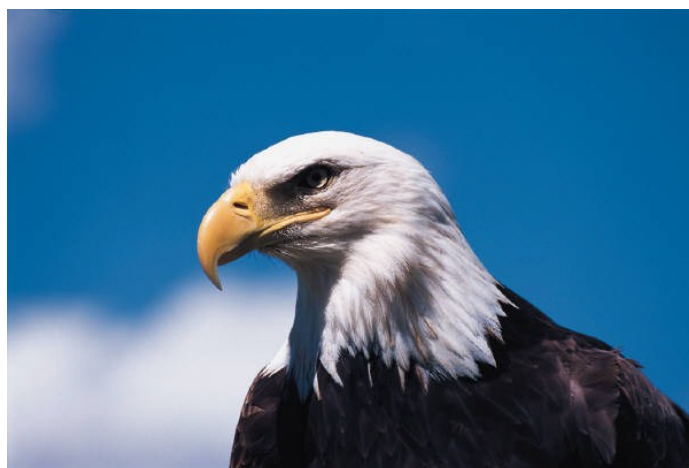
Special Event

Bald Eagle Awareness Day

Drop in on Saturday for hands-on stations featuring all things birds of prey! Black Hills Raptor Center will have a booth and conduct a public presentation with live birds of prey at 1 p.m.

Age: all ages

Date: Saturday Feb 22 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Have you heard about our Group Programs? The Outdoor Campus-West staff can provide a program just for you & your group. All you need is at least 10 people who want to do a program together! Grab an orange Group Program Brochure for more information on booking your own program!

Notes



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